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SUBJECT: GOG INTEREST IN PURCHASING LST'S FROM US

1. DURING JUNE 17 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM, PM BURNHAM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BUYING SOME LST'S WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS MAY BE FOR SALE IN TEXAS. THE VESSELS COULD BE USED FOR HAULING TIMBER, STONE, AND POSSIBLY TRANSPORTING BAUXITE TO TRINIDAD.
 2. COMMENT: BURNHAM UNDOUBTEDLY GOT THIS IDEA FROM A US COMPANY WHICH IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING THE LEASE OF A LARGE TRACT OF TIMBER LAND IN GUYANA'S NORTHWEST DISTRICT (OVER 600,000 ACRES). THE COMPANY, TEXANA CORPORATION (BURNHAM SAID NAME TO BE CHANGED TO GUYATEX), PLANS TO CUT TIMBER IN THE PORT KAITUMA AREA, MILL THE TIMBER INTO LUMBER, AND SHIP IT IN LST'S TO TRINIDAD. THE GOG WOULD HAVE A MAJORITY SHARE IN THE GUYANESE CORPORATION SET UP FOR THIS PURPOSE. DETAILS OF INCORPORATION ARE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION. ONE OF PM BURNHAM'S ASSISTANTS (RUDY LUCK) RECENTLY MENTIONED THE USEFULNESS OF LST'S FOR SHIPPING SHELLS FROM THE BERBICE RIVER AREA TO GEORGETOWN FOR PROCESSING INTO LIME.
 3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPT. CHECK INTO AVAILABILITY OF LST'S AND ADVISE EMBASSY OF TERMS, PRICE, ETC. KREBS
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